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Independent report confirms Competition Regulator delivers value for money

An independent economic assessment of the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (**JCRA**) has found that its competition and regulatory work generated between £22.7 million and £41.6 million in direct financial benefit to Jersey consumers and businesses between 2020 and 2025 — a return of between £5.60 and £10.20 for every £1 of relevant funding. This equates to an estimated annual benefit of between £36 and £66 per Islander.

The assessment, conducted by Frontier Economics using the same methodology applied by the UK Competition and Markets Authority in its own impact reporting, evaluated seven of the JCRA's activities over the period, representing around five per cent of its total workload. Frontier Economics notes that the total benefits generated by the JCRA are likely to be materially higher once the full breadth of its activities is taken into account.

The findings place the JCRA's performance in line with its larger UK counterpart, and confirm that effective, independent regulation delivers substantial and measurable value for Jersey.

Tim Ringsdore, Chief Executive of the JCRA, said: "This report provides independent confirmation of what effective regulation delivers: fairer prices, competitive markets and critical infrastructure that works. Critically, every pound invested in the JCRA returns multiples in benefit to Islanders and to the Jersey economy.

“We are a small team focused on removing barriers to business, making markets work for consumers and helping Government to deliver its economic policies. We prioritise our work to ensure we are delivering value for money and not only does this report show our work is effective, it is also indicative of the expertise and commitment of the team carrying out that work.”

The assessed benefits arise across both the JCRA's competition enforcement and regulatory roles.

Between 2020 and 2025, the JCRA reviewed 51 mergers, undertook market studies, investigated potential breaches of competition law and carried out economic regulation of telecommunications, postal services and ports. Frontier found that these activities contribute to lower prices, improved consumer outcomes, greater transparency and choice, enhanced resilience of critical infrastructure, and support for investment and innovation.

Beyond directly quantifiable savings, the JCRA's market studies into alcohol pricing, groceries and the construction sector have driven policy changes, improved consumer information and strengthened competition across key parts of the Jersey economy. This September parents benefitted from reduced costs for school uniforms as the recommendations in the JCRA’s 2023 Market Study were rolled out as part of a new Government policy on the number of mandatory branded items.

A summary infographic and the full report are available to view on the JCRA’s website at: https://www.jcra.je/cases-documents/cases/2026/a-007-jcra-impact-assessment-2020-2025/

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About the report

The Impact Assessment was conducted by Frontier Economics. The methodology used is consistent with the UK CMA's annual impact reporting framework, using a 3.5% discount rate and 2025 present values.

About the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority

The JCRA was established under the Competition Regulatory Authority (Jersey) Law 2001. It is responsible for administering and enforcing the Competition (Jersey) Law 2005 and also regulates the telecoms and postal sectors and the Ports of Jersey.

The JCRA strives to ensure that the markets work well for the benefit of all stakeholders, including Government, business, citizens and consumers facilitating best value, choice and access to high quality services.